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FROM : Amembassy THE HAGUE

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SUBJECT : Local Soviet Information Bulletin Apparently Makes Distinction
Between Khrushchev's messages to the President of Oct. 27 and 28

REF :

The Soviet Embassy in the Netherlands puts out a periodic Information Bulletin in the Dutch language. The Embassy has noted, as of possible interest to the Department, that the October 29 edition of this Information Bulletin carries the texts of Khrushchev's letters of October 27 and 28 to the President about the Cuban situation. Khrushchev's letter of October 27 is presented under the simple title of "To the President of the United States, J. Kennedy." The letter of October 28, which follows the previous presentation, is presented under the title "Message from the Chairman of the Ministers' Council of the USSR to the President of the U.S.A., J. Kennedy." The thought occurs to the reporting officer that this distinction in title may well be a conscious effort on the part of the Soviet Embassy to identify the letter of October 27 as an unofficial or personal message from Khrushchev, whereas the letter of October 28 has the endorsement of the Supreme Council. Furthermore, the Information Bulletin states that a copy of the letter of October 27 was provided to the Acting Secretary General of the UN, U Thant, but does not state this in connection with its presentation of the letter of October 28.

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